

# PROPERTY TAXATION

“The art of taxation is to pluck the goose so as to obtain the most feathers with the least amount of hissing.”

*(Translation)*

*Jean Baptiste Colbert, comptroller general of finance to Louis XIV of France, 1665 to 1669.*

Figures often beguile me, particularly when I have the arranging of them myself; in which case the remark attributed to Disraeli would often apply with justice and force: "There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies and statistics."

*- Autobiography of Mark Twain*